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Dear Mr. Behrend,

Not until after we finished talking a few minutes ago, when my mind went back over our conversation, did this occur to me:

Would or could Esquire be interested in the chapter of the completed but unprinted book that goes into the factual basis for my belief about the Kennedys?

It is titled, "Hades, Not Camelot".

In it I quote letters I have that have never appeared.

In it I say and I think prove that the surviving Kennedys, beginning with Bobby, were also made victims by being falsely blamed for the character of the investigation and Report, as for suppression of what they did not suppress.

In fact, Bobby was blackmailed, by a Justice Department lawyer assigned to and acting for the Commission.

The Commission actually asked him to endorse the Report before it was written. It took some time to negotiate an answer, but he refused to endorse the Report.

As to my view, this merely confirmed what I had believed from the outset and said often enough before I found these proofs. J. Edgar Hoover was my source for the fact that the first thing Lyndon Johnson did was freeze Bobby out of the investigation, before he decided on a Commission. It really was the first thing Johnson did.

This view makes me a minority of one in the critical community. It is not that I am Bobby's apologist, and I am not. It is, rather, that I believe in truth, believe it should be reported, and believe that in this kind of case, especially with the Kennedys, it is more important.

What has actually been contrived is the blaming of the Kennedys, all of them, for the evil done by government in the investigation of the JFK assassination. For all their suffering, historically, this will be the unkindest cut.

Teddy knows none of this. His people won't listen and they see to it that nothing can reach him. Yet today, under the contract neither he nor Bobby nor any Kennedy signed, the legal responsibility is his.

Would you like to consider this chapter, written before Lattimer and Wecht saw what both did not understand and misrepresented? I have not updated it because there is no point in doing it until there is prospect of printing. I told you I would be writing an epilogue.

You may remember that I told you I sometimes get things that have been suppressed by threatening to sue for them. I established credentials by suing, and winning. What is relevant here, and I got it by taking each step in a suit one at a time, is the actual destruction of autopsy film by the Secret Service. They did this, and I have the official proof, with covering letter showing I got it properly and that it had been withheld improperly. If you can still be shocked, is there much more shocking than the deliberate destruction of essential evidence in the assassination of a President? Official destruction, knowledge of which has been suppressed all these years.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg